

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing media services via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising:

providing a user with an interactive program guide (IPG) displaying a television program schedule, the television program schedule including a future television program, said future television program scheduled to be publicly broadcast at a later time;

receiving user input requesting said future television program; and

providing said user with said future television program prior to said later time.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
confirming that said user is authorized to receive said future television program.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
charging said user a fee in connection with the provision of said television program.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
charging said user a fee in connection with providing said user with access to future television programming.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of episodes corresponding to a television show.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein a type of said television show is from a group consisting of:

a sit-com, a drama series, and a soap opera.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of television programs and a plurality of corresponding channels and start times.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user input is provided via a remote control device and said future television program is displayed on a television screen.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is received from a headend.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is received from a content provider.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a memory located inside said client device.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to said client device.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a hub.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a node.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a cable television system.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to a cable television system.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is also provided with access to a previously broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.
18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is also provided with access to a currently broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

19. (Currently Amended) A media services device for providing a user with a media presentation, said device comprising:

logic configured to provide said user with an interactive program guide (IPG) displaying a television program schedule, the television program schedule including identifying a future television program, said future television program scheduled to be publicly broadcast at a later time; and

logic configured to provide said user with said future television program prior to said later time in response to receiving user input requesting said future television program.

20. (Currently Amended) The media ~~service~~ services device of claim 19, further comprising:

logic configured to cause said user to be charged a fee in connection with the provision of said television program.

21. (Currently Amended) The media ~~service~~ services device of claim 19, further comprising:

logic configured to cause said user to be charged a fee in connection with providing the user with access to future television programming.

22. (Currently Amended) The media ~~service~~ services device of claim 19, further comprising:

logic configured to confirm that said user is authorized to receive said future television program.

23. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviced~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of episodes corresponding to a television show.

24. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviced~~ services device of claim 23, wherein a type of said television show is from a group consisting of:

a sit-com, a drama series, and a soap opera.

25. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviced~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of television programs and a plurality of corresponding channels and start times.

26. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviced~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said user input is provided via a remote control device and said future television program is displayed on a television screen.

27. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviced~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is received from a headend.

28. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviced~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a memory located inside said client device.

29. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviced~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to said client device.

30. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviceed~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a hub.

31. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviceed~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a node.

32. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviceed~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a cable television system.

33. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviceed~~ services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to a cable television system.

34. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviceed~~ services device of claim 19, further comprising logic configured to provided said user with access to a previously broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

35. (Currently Amended) The media ~~serviceed~~ services device of claim 19, further comprising logic configured to provided said user with access to a currently broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.